

HQ Perth St, Graham,
9 April 1886

My dear Andrew,

I send with this a copy
of to day's "Argus", on p. 3 of which
you will notice the advt of my
partnership. Will you kindly have
the substance embodied ^{as a local} in the
"Mercury", & doubtless a note from
you to George Edwards (to whom my
fraternal regards go with this)
would ensure a similar notice in
one of the Launceston dailies.

I hope soon to receive
from you my Commission for taking
affidavits. I will then send P.O.
Orders for £2.2.0, less on same
to Mr Pearce's, which latter I duly
recd from your firm but owing to
negligence of work omitted to acknowledge.

2/ I should tell you that I have just finished the trial of the heaviest case (save one) I have had in this Colony. This was an Action of Webster v White & was one of disputed Aps between two Merchants - one in Sydney & the other of Melbourne - & involved going into all their transactions, Aps & correspondence for the last 7 years (It became necessary for me to go thro' some thousands of letters). I worked at it incessantly for about 3 weeks - night & day, and, for the last 8 days preceding the trial, on an average 16 hours a day. It was tried before Judge Cope (1) & a special jury of 12. The trial lasted 5 days & the findings of the jury are of such an

inconsistent nature that both parties are moving to enter judgment & we have also appealed. The Briefs & copies of Exhibits form a mass of papers standing about a foot high. It will keep me going for many a day to come & also throws me back very much in my ordinary work. Hence, the fragmentary nature of my latest epistles.

So much for "Shop."

Well, how do you like the "Egap"? I am anxiously, even nervously, looking out for your opinion. Anyhow, I hope for the poor author's sake, that you will do what you can to help the sale. Witton thanks highly

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of them. I rec'd a note from
Adams to-day stating that he
is "still ill, ill" (how pathetic
it sounds!) He has been ordered off to
Brisbane by his doctor. He (Adams)
does not think he will last
above a year or two. He tells
me that Dalley & Prof. Scott of
Sydney have very favourably
reviewed his Plays.

To show you what he can
do in poetry I send with
this a copy of some verses he
wrote on ship-board (He only
arrived here - in Australia - about
18 months ago & was sent out as
the only chance of saving his
lungs) - What this charming
poem what Goethe would

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Call "an aesthetic whole."
Talk about "Atmosphere" in
poetry! Why ~~that~~^{it} seems to
have ^{in it nearly} all the Elements of air
light, color, music, etc ~~in it~~.

My reading has been
simply nil for the last 3
months - & I don't know when
I am going to get any leisure.
We are now in the confusion
attendant on a "flit" & you
know by your Experience what
that means. I am removing to
South Yarra which is a more
salubrious locality & sufficiently
near to enable me to walk into

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torn out in the evening-
I am horribly pressed
for money (it seems to be chronic)
& ~~my~~ ^{the} "great debts I owe" ~~for~~
my heavy expenses keep me
in a sufficiently subdued tone
of mind- But yet I "bate no
"gill of heart or hope, but still
"bear up & steer right onward" (These
magnificent lines are seldom
long out of my mind)-

Now tell me, what
doth the studiosa cohort?
My heart always fondly hovers
to that still & quiet air
of delightful studios (Milton
again!) By the way, it has long

I have a wish of mine to write
a paper for the "Minerva" &
I hope to do it so in the winter.
^{I hope} I thought of well over my subject
& will at least bring plenty of
Enthusiasm - which, like faith,
can move mountains - to the
delightful task. I thought of
entitling it "Milton, as a
Republican". Rides we? ~~I~~

If you have still got
your copy of the Ball
Hall Budget of 10 Oct '84
I wish you would lend it to me
for a few weeks.

I must reluctantly conclude.

8/ but I do hope you will
open your Epistolary shoulders
& let me have it strongly &
quickly - Tell me how you all
are & what's going forward.

My mother & sister send
their love to Mr Clark & of
course so do I - I suppose
the Madre has far too little
time to think of poor
me - much less to write - I
send my most affectionate
regards to Ted & to Burn &
Dobbie I am, dear Andrew,
Ever affectionately thine

W. G. Hill

(back)

A. J. Clark
Sol. Robart

Abams says, - speaking of my comments
on his literary work - that he is astonished
at my "gift of anticipation" - I write him
that he would cease to be astonished at
the "gift" had he known my three dearest
friends - Yourself, Wilton & Joey -

(Draft)

H. D. Temple Cash
Melbourne

Here and There

The sweet sun is shining;
The ship in the heavenly air
is sailing onward: The sea-birds
sweep alone and in pairs

around the stern, or, threading
The paths of the sea-ridges, cross
where solitary on with slow wing
sails the albatross:
albatross

Isn't this
lovely!

And here I lie sweetly dreaming
and my love is far off there;
but she and the music she played me
surround me everywhere.

F. W. L. Adams

at sea, on board the "Rodney".
Oct '85

Mind you show this to Yedward